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## **MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2026** **COMMITTEE ON PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY**

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety submits the following monthly report for June 2026.

### **Date, Time, & Location of Meeting:**

On Tuesday, June 09, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. the Committee on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety held a meeting at City Hall, Room 201A. The meeting was called to order at 10:21 a.m.

### **Members in Attendance:**

Chairman La Spata (1<sup>st</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Hopkins (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Robinson (4<sup>th</sup> Ward) - virtual  
Alderman Yancy (5<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Chico (10<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Quinn (13<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Moore (17<sup>th</sup> Ward) - virtual  
Alderman Curtis (18<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Burnett (27<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Vice Chairman Cruz (30<sup>th</sup> Ward) - virtual  
Alderman Lawson (44<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Martin (47<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth (48<sup>th</sup> Ward)

**Absent Members:** Alderman Ervin (28<sup>th</sup> Ward), Alderman Knudsen (43<sup>rd</sup> Ward)

The Chair accepted a motion from Ald. Hopkins to allow for remote participation by Ald. Moore, Ald. Cruz, and Ald. Lawson and a motion from Ald. Martin to allow for remote participation by Ald. Robinson, which were approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

**Public Comment:** There were four spoken public comments for this meeting.

- **Peter C:** Spoke against the use of stop signs for speed control, as outlined by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD); shared that he did not get a response to his FOIA from CDOT regarding stop signs standards and use; against the stop signs in the 45<sup>th</sup> ward that was on the agenda
- **Mr. Blakemore:** Very upset about the scheduling of two committee meetings at the same time and how alders left this meeting after establishing quorum
- **W. Robert Schultz:** Active Transportation Alliance member; advocated for safe streets for all, naming the utility and importance of an ADA transition plan; spoke about the recent death of Riley O'Neil as a result of traffic violence
- **Maria M:** Opposed to the installation of protected bike lanes on Grand Avenue; stated that solutions for all users of the road, including drivers, are needed to make streets safer

**Approval of May 2026 Rule 45 Report:**

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

**Agenda of Matters Considered:**

The Agenda of Matters Considered consisted of 21 pages and included 373 matters:

- 322 ordinances related to disabled parking permits,
- 26 ordinances related to traffic warning signs and/or signals,
- 11 ordinances related to parking restrictions,
- 10 ordinances related to residential parking permit zones,
- 1 ordinance related to parking meters,
- 1 ordinance related to industrial permit parking,
- 1 order related to municipal governance, and
- 1 subject matter hearing topic.

A substitute order [SOR2026-0023422] was submitted by the sponsoring alder for Item 2 on page 1, which Call for City of Chicago to develop Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition plan in accordance with the requirements of the ADA. Ald. Chico moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

Ald. La Spata shared remarks on the substitute ordinance before a presentation and remarks by Victoria Barrett from Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning and from Ashley Eisenberger from Access Living. Members from the Mayor's Office of People with Disabilities and the Department of Transportation were available to answer questions from alders as well.

Questions & comments on SOR2026-0023422:

- Ald. La Spata inquired MOPD about its ongoing work as it relates to a transition plan's goals and asked CMAP what technical assistance in creating a transition plan would entail.
- Ald. Martin spoke about the need for a better approach for sidewalk repair and maintenance in the city.
- Ald. Lawson spoke about the need for more routine maintenance and inspection of ADA elements in the city's infrastructure, including sidewalks, ADA ramps, and APS signals.

- Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth asked CMAP about the organization's experience working with other cities in developing and tracking ADA transition plans and what Chicago should consider this process starts.

With no further questions or comments, Ald. Martin moved to approve SOr2026-0023422, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

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There was a subject hearing on pedestrian bridge closures for 93rd Street Pedestrian Bridge repairs and the Carmen Avenue Pedestrian Walkway repairs (Municipal Code of Chicago section 2-102-110, SO2025-0021022). No votes on this topic were taken.

Arsalan Khan (*Chief Bridge Engineer*, Chicago Department of Transportation) and Bill Higgins, (*Assistant Commissioner*, Chicago Department of Transportation) presented on the topic. Key information shared during the presentation included project scope and timeline, as well as pedestrian and vehicular traffic detours for the duration of the project.

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Direct Introductions on pages 2-4 Passed without Department recommendations. Ald. Lawson moved to approve all Direct Introduction ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 5-16 Passed as Recommended by the appropriate Department(s). Ald. Lawson moved to approve all items on pages 5-16, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All matters on pages 16-21 Passed with No Recommendation. These items were submitted as aldermanic overrides or received no recommendations from City Departments. Substitute Ordinances were submitted by the respective wards for Item 7 [SOr2026-0022954] on page 20 and Item 1 [SO2026-0025591] on page 21. Ald. Burnett moved to accept all Substitute Ordinances, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum. Additionally, Items 10-12 on page 17 and Item 2 on page 20 were held in committee. Ald. Lawson moved to approve all items on pages 16-21, except items 10-12 on page 17 and item 2 on page 20, which was approved by the same roll call as was used to establish quorum.

All actions taken at the meeting were by viva voce vote.

Having no further business before the committee, Chair La Spata requested a motion to adjourn. Ald. Lawson so moved, and hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.